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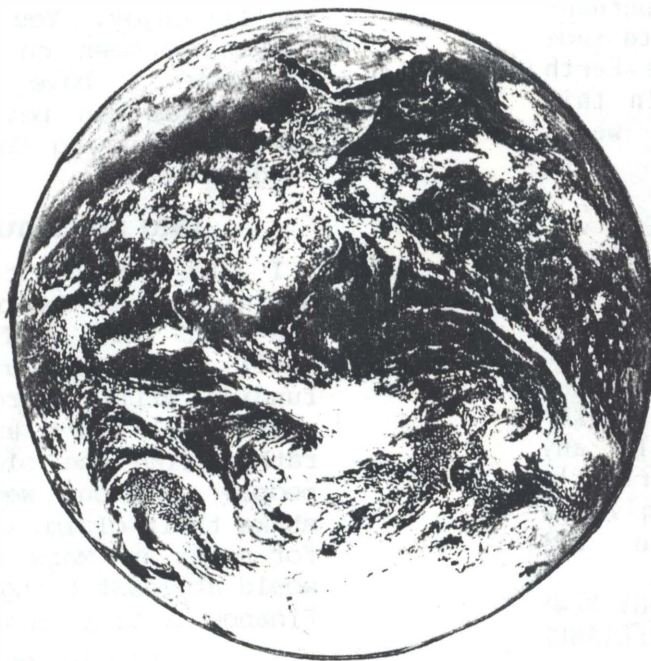
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INTRODUCTION

COSMOLOGY IS THE SCIENCE OF THE UNIVERSE AS A WHOLE; A TREATISE ON THE STRUCTURE AND PARTS OF THE SYSTEM OF CREATION.

The title COSMOLOGY NEWS(link), as it stood up to January 1993, was formulated from the need to fit together inter-related subjects which may or may not have bearings on each other and perhaps leading to the answers to some of the mysteries of the Earth and of the Universe. In this case, COSMOLOGY NEWS would have accomplished its function.

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EDITORIAL



Edward Harris. Editor.

Hello everybody,

Here's another issue of your favourite magazine which took a lot of thought on contents, which I hope you'll enjoy. You can't say this issue has been on ONE subject only, can you? I have tried to be as diverse as can be. One reader wrote last time saying Cosmology News was "a good read".

INTO SPACE, TO THE STARS

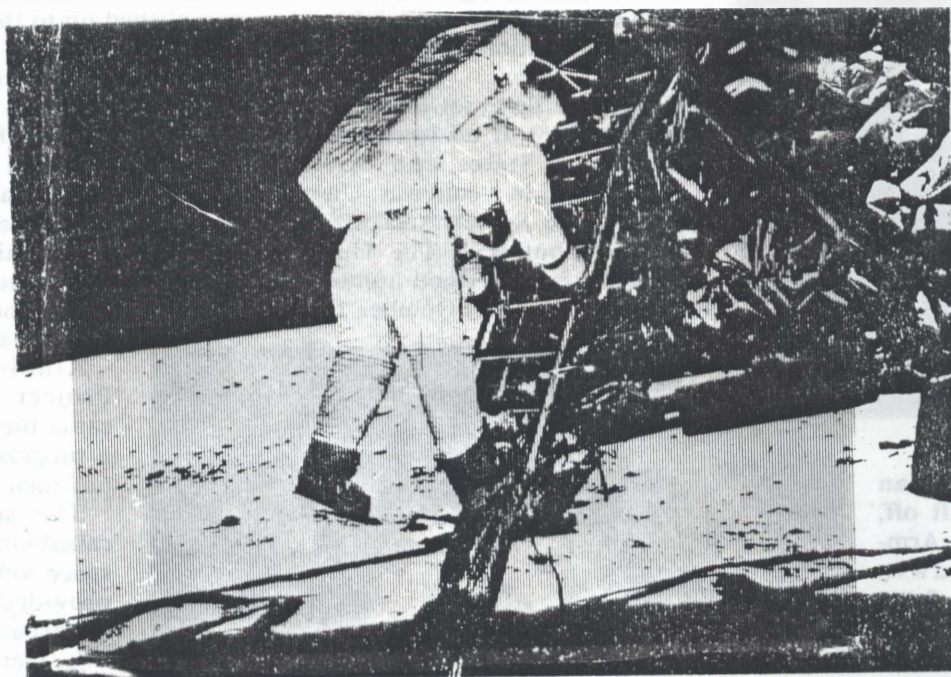
I sure hope that the future will definitely see Man on the planet Mars and that lack of funding does not spoil this venture. Whether the funding will be from tax payers or private, I don't know. It would be rather like the old wild west when people went out west in the USA to stake their claim. Could such a claim for parts of Mars be feasible? This would at least bring in the money to finance a trip and a base there.

This is one more "brilliant" idea from your editor, and it is only those within financial institutions who can see if this idea of mine could well come into existence. Let us hope that Man will set foot on the red planet within the next decade, and we will know for sure whether life had once existed there, or not.

Edward Harris, Editor.

20 YEARS AFTER . . .

LOOKING BEYOND THE MOON



Many people now living were not yet born when Man stepped out onto the dusty surface of the moon on July 16, 1969. H.G.Wells

had thought the date for that occurring would have been towards the end of this century. However, technological developments had raced ahead making such a historic venture possible then.

There were first steps first venturing into the unknown with projects like Mercury and Gemini and trial dockings in orbit between two spacecraft.

Finally after years of preparation three men were chosen for the real flight to the moon—Neil Armstrong, commander, Edwin Aldrin Jr., lunar module pilot; Michael

Collins, command module pilot, who had trained intensely for months. Then on the launch date, the three men were strapped into their command module. Millions of people, world wide watched television. They all saw the massive white Saturn V rocket which was to take them to the moon.

Then at 9.32, Eastern Daylight Time, on July 16, 1969, Apollo 11 roared to life, lifted off from Pad 39a, Kennedy Space Centre, and climbed into the bright blue yonder.

Now in 1994, with all the excitement of 1969 well and truly behind us, space travel seems to have now gone very flat and mundane. There is no longer a 'space race' to

see which nation gets there first. In Britain, the British Interplanetary Society had already proposed plans for a journey to the moon and safe return years before.

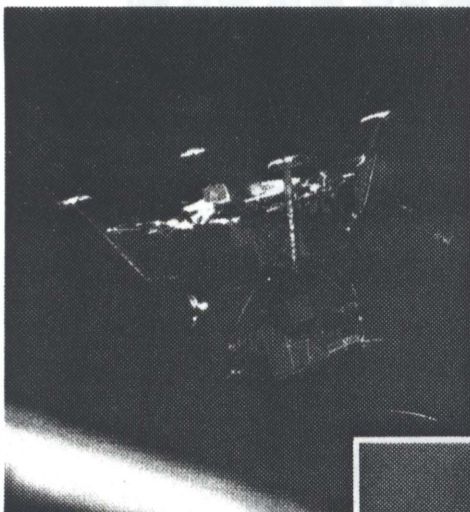
The then, Soviet Union in Russia, had also launched probes and crashed them on its surface, and even had automatic lunar vehicles roaming its surface.

This was the wonder of the age, and it was fantastic to have witnessed it from the beginning of the space age.

There now seems to be a lull in sending human beings to another world. A Mars programme is supposed to be in the offing.

Almost every major aspect of

the flight of Apollo 11 was witnessed by hundreds of millions of people through the marvels of television or radio. This was not just another routine launch. This flight was special! It would take men to the surface of the moon—and hopefully back—for the first



time.

A little more than four days after lift off, on July 20, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin radioed from the moon's surface, "The Eagle has landed."

About seven hours later, Neil Armstrong stepped upon the powdery surface of the moon and announced, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." For the

first time a man stood on the moon!

During their short stay, astronauts Armstrong and Aldrin conducted various scientific experiments, took photographs and collected nearly 50 pounds of soil and rock samples.

The astronauts returned to earth July 24.

The lunar module. Apollo 11 crew: Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins, Edwin Aldrin Jr. At Tranquility Base, Aldrin in forward leaning stance, normal resting position.

Only a Short Time Ago . . .

Space and space travel today are so much a part of our civilization that it's hard to believe that little more than 30 years ago they were still the domain of science fiction.

Today, satellites interlock our 20th century society. We rely on satellites for much of our near-instantaneous communication, weather monitoring, study of the health of crops, and availability of water and location of oil and minerals.

The space program has a fascinating history. It all started with the United States and Soviet Union locked in a cold war. Unexpectedly, the Soviets successfully launched Sputnik I. The United States of America stood humbled. A month later in November 1957

President Kennedy audaciously announced: "I believe that this nation should commit itself to achieving the goal, before this decade is out, of landing a man on the Moon and returning him safely to Earth."

American space scientists were astonished. "Does he know what's involved in going to the moon?" many asked.

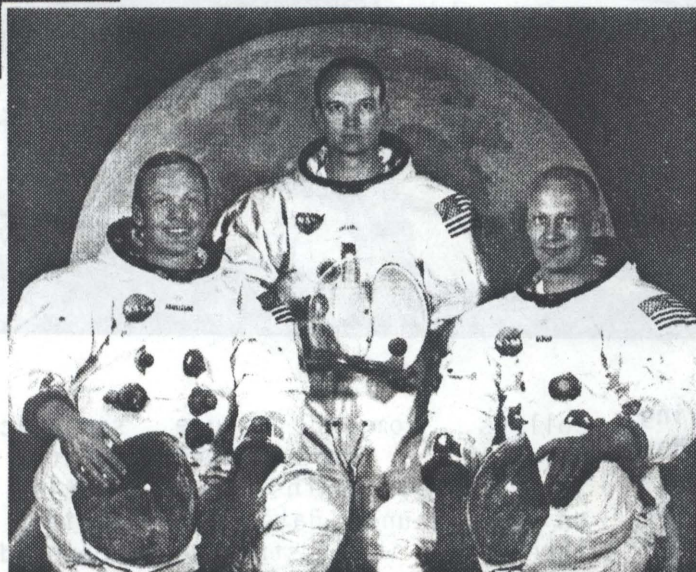
All the United States had accomplished up to that point was a suborbital flight by Alan Shepard in a Mercury capsule weighing less than 3,000 pounds.

But President Kennedy had thrown down the gauntlet. He challenged American science and industry to find the answers. The declaration galvanized the U.S. space effort and mobilized public support for it. The race to the

moon was on!

Almost overnight Project Mercury became the first phase of a program designed to put men on the moon.

The second phase, called Gemini, after the space vehicle involved, provided training for the eventual lunar landing. Gemini missions proved astronauts could perform space walks, execute rendezvous maneuvers, dock with other space vehicles and endure 14



the Soviets flew a half-ton orbiting payload with a dog aboard.

By 1959 a Soviet satellite took a picture of the far side of the moon. And in April 1961 the Soviets launched the first manned orbital flight.

America was provoked to respond. Newly elected President John F. Kennedy, faced with foreign policy setbacks, determined to use the space program to gain political capital, as well as symbolize his vision of a technologically and politically preeminent America.

So on May 25, 1961, before a joint session of Congress, Presi-



days in earth orbit.

So it came about that on July 20, 1969, Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin landed on the moon.

The race for the moon had been won which was the dream of President Kennedy.

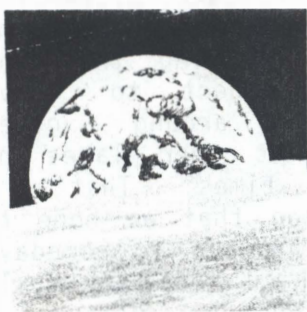
Over twenty years have now passed, and during that time we have seen the launchings of many satellites for all sorts of reasons, some for television, and reusable spacecraft like the space shuttle, space stations in orbit, and probes to the planets, not to mention chasing comets as well!

Will man now attempt the ultimate goal, and reach out for our nearest neighbours in space, the planets, Mars and Venus, or the satellites of larger planets?

Space is so much a part of our lives now that we take it all for granted and it seems to have lost all the excitement of sputnik 1 launched by the Soviet Union in the 1950s. This is a great shame. Reaching out towards other planets may bring mankind the benefits of what can be discovered there, in the way of new minerals, elements which could enhance the lives of all of us. So for the mere squabbling over finance, it should MAKE sense to spend on space travel. Our sun will only have a certain life span, when it will then start to expand and become a red giant like the one in Orion, and when that happens we should by then have the resources to escape our world. The short-sightedness of some politicians in seeing beyond MONEY is scandalous when human lives are at stake.

The Hubble space telescope should be able to keep an eye on the universe also, now that its optical system has been corrected. But what

of space research for the next decade. There was a joint programme between Japan, Europe, and the United States and Canada towards the building of a space station called FREEDOM sometime in the next 10 years. This station would provide a suitable weightless environment for the on board production of vaccines and other biological products of higher quality that cannot be produced as such on Earth. There was even talk of FREEDOM being used to repair orbiting satellites, and the building of a launching pad for trips to the moon, and perhaps Mars.



EARTH AS SEEN FROM THE MOON.

Another good economical reason for a space station would be that building space craft in space no streamlining would be needed, since air resistance would not be a factor. Also maybe ion propulsion may be all that is necessary and not massive expensive boosters now employed in launchings on Earth.

Other studies envisaged for the next decade could be moon bases. Many space boffins yearn for a manned mission to Mars, even though it poses enormous technical achievements. They believe that given all the resources science can offer, man will be walking upon the Martian surface in the 21st

Century, when we shall have once again all the excitement of Man's first historical landing on the moon.

Unfortunately budgets rules the spaceways, and it may be a long way off into the next century before we ever see it coming true.

Even now Voyager 2 an American space probe which was sent to photograph the planets 17 years ago is hurtling out of our solar system and sending back weak signals. But space is so vast. When the Apollo astronauts landed on the moon they could only explore very little of it and their missions only lasted a few days. What is needed is long-term commitments to stay on another world much longer. When Man finally sets foot on Mars, this is precisely what he will HAVE to do due to the vast distance.

As you can see, the greatest barrier to space travel is man himself. He is fragile, his life too short and his life easily snuffed out. It does seem really odd however, that so far life as we know it has not yet to my knowledge been discovered on any of our known planets. Not even a microbe. It does seem at this point illogical that we DO appear to be the only creatures in this universe. Whether other dimensions exist and beings exist there is pure hypothesis.

Looking back at Earth from the moon, the astronauts could see it was a jewel in space. It was hard to imagine that this peaceful-looking world was in constant turmoil with wars, unrest and a money system which was holding back our true progress into space.

Because humans can't escape this world, which is likened to a spaceship itself, we should, when looking at our globe all resolve to get on with each other. However, what has science in store for us when looking beyond the moon?

In 1989, Lew Allen, a graduate of West Point and a former member of the U.S. Joint Chiefs of Staff, is director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California. He holds a doctorate in physics from the University of Illinois, had this to say about the USA's space programme up to 1989:



LEW ALLEN, expert

"We're in a year which is really of great excitement. The Magellan spacecraft will begin its route to Venus, where it'll map the surface of Venus with radar that enables it to see below the very dense clouds of Venus." He then went on to describe the Voyager 2 programme which as we all know has already visited the outer planets.

And of the Soviet Space Programme for 1989 he said:

"In the last few years they have been more open. They have solicited Western participation in their flights such as the current ongoing mission to Mars, has the participation, I think, of

13 different nations in either providing instruments or in participating scientists." That improves the quality of what they do, because of the broader, very high quality participation. It also increases the regard for the Soviets by the West."

He was asked if, after all these decades of space flights to the moon and beyond, had any evidence of life ever existed at all, in the universe?

"It is still true that based on our study of the solar system, we are unable to answer what are clearly very interesting questions: Is man unique in the universe? Is this planet a circumstance that is not repeated elsewhere? Or, in fact, is it the sort of thing that one would expect to have occurred around other stars, at other places and other times? That's a question that we hope to have answers to someday, but which today we really don't.

A HISTORICAL LOOK AT MARS FROM CIRCA 1939-40:



LESSON 15

Is considering the possibility of life in other worlds it is usual to look to Mars as offering the best opportunities for a solution of the problem. Its comparative proximity and the favourable conditions under which it may be observed suggest that it is on Mars that we should be able to recognize the signs of life, if any life exists on other planets beside our own.

Mars possesses water and an atmosphere, two essentials of life. The former has been proved to exist by visual observation and spectroscopic analysis, although the amount of water in the atmosphere of Mars is apparently only about 5 per cent of that existing in our own atmosphere. This conclusion is in accord with the scarcity of clouds observed and the extreme rarity of the Martian atmosphere. As regards the latter, it is probable that it contains an excess of oxygen and nitrogen and heavier gases, but a minimum of hydrogen, helium and the lighter gases, because the planet's mass being relatively so small compared with the earth, its power to retain the atoms of the lighter gases would be much less and they would, in the course of ages, be lost in space. Air may be plentiful, then, near the surface of Mars, even though water be scarce. That this is so is evidenced by the planet's shaded terminator—the line dividing night from day—seen when Mars is so placed in its orbit that its disk appears gibbous like that of the moon two days from the full. On these occasions the terminator

is not sharp and hard as in the case of our moon, but softened, and it extends for some eight degrees in what is known as the twilight arc beyond the true sunlit portion of Mars. This appearance is produced by the diffused and refracted sunlight in the planet's atmosphere, indicating that this is certainly more than half as dense as that of the earth. This is a very important point to establish as suggesting the probability of life on that small world.

Temperature is the next essential consideration, and here the evidence is not so conclusive. As seen from Mars, the sun's disk appears, on an average, rather less than five-eighths of its width as seen from the earth; while Mars receives, on an average, only 0.43 of the light and heat received by our world. Its day differs but little from ours, but Mars experiences seasonal changes which, though similar, are yet far more rigorous and prolonged than those of the earth. These changes are particularly great owing to the fact that when the southern hemisphere of the planet is tilted towards the sun, Mars is about 26,000,000 miles nearer than when its northern hemisphere is so turned. The same consideration applies to the earth, too, but only so as to cause the comparatively small difference of 3,000,000 miles.

Climate of Mars

Moreover, the rarefied atmosphere of Mars is less able to retain through the Martian night the heat received by day; this would result in intensely cold nights, unless the atmosphere be sufficiently dense near the surface to prevent rapid radiation. Radiometer tests have indicated that, while the temperature may reach over 50 degrees Fahrenheit about midday in the equatorial regions, it drops far below freezing at night, and is freezing at sunset, even in mid-summer. If these radiometer observations are to be accepted as indicative of the temperatures at the planet's surface rather than the higher reaches of its atmospheric envelope,

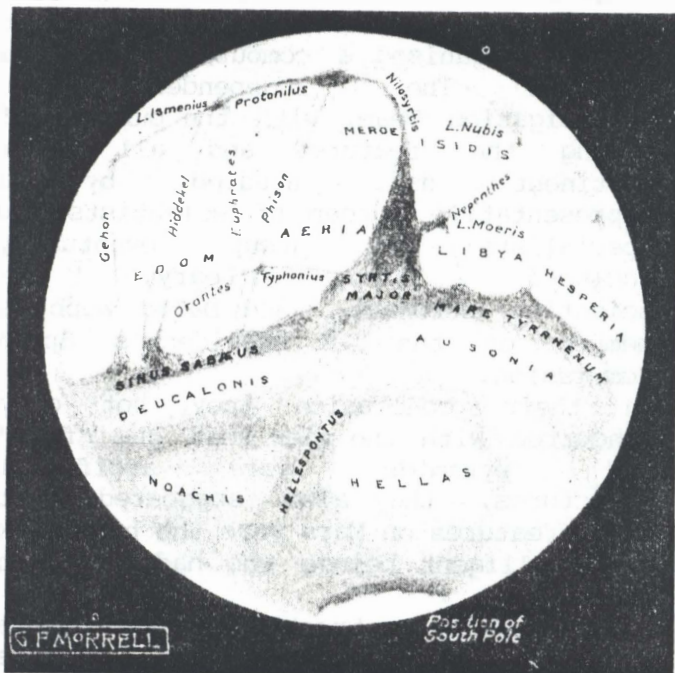
then the conditions for life on Mars are not promising. The chief objections to their acceptance are: first, that visual observation does not indicate any such rigorous frosty conditions; and secondly, why should the polar ice or snow caps vanish so much more completely than the terrestrial ones? Even though, as has been suggested, the layer be comparatively thin as compared with the thick masses at the earth's poles, it would seem impossible for the caps to melt so completely and quickly over such vast areas, upwards of 3,000 miles in diameter. It has been suggested that the polar snow effect is due to the deposition of carbon dioxide in solid form; but there is no evidence for the presence of this compound in such immense quantities in the atmosphere of Mars, and it is certain that it would evaporate at much lower temperatures than can possibly exist on Mars.

Another objection to a rigorous frost-ridden Martian climate is the visual evidences of vegetation and seasonal changes, as described in Lesson 14 (page 481). If not due to vegetation, how are these regular variations of tint and cycle of colour to be explained? Finally, we have the so-called "canals" of Mars to consider, both as to their objective reality and as to whether they are evidence of the existence, not only of life but of sentient beings—more or less similar to ourselves.

Problem of the "Canals"

The "canals" of Mars were first discovered in 1877 by the Italian astronomer, Schiaparelli. They appeared to him as straight greenish-grey streaks, exceedingly narrow and faint, extending across the reddish desert areas, and he called them "canali" (Italian for channels). They appeared to stretch from certain estuaries, bays, and "coast lines," as they might be called, to other similar markings and greenish-grey patches termed oases and lakes (or lacus), where several "canali" were recorded as meeting and crossing. They extended in some cases for over 3,000 miles, and were singularly straight. In 1881-82, when Mars was again favourably placed for observation, Schiaparelli again saw the

"canals," and in many cases found that for considerable distances they were double. They appeared to develop rapidly with the progress of the Martian seasons, particularly during the spring.



MARS: SOME PRINCIPAL FEATURES

Though many observers failed to perceive these markings, their existence was confirmed by numbers of expert astronomers who were suitably equipped with telescopes well placed for observation. Among these were W. H. Pickering and Percival Lowell in America, and Perrotin, Thollon, and Flammarion in France. In England, where observation is generally poor, the existence of the "canals" has been generally questioned, from the time of Maunder over 40 years ago to Jeans at the present day. Thus it will be seen that the "canals" of Mars still furnish astronomers with a highly controversial question.

Natural or Artificial?

According to Percival Lowell, who represents a very large number of expert observers, the "canals" appear as perfectly straight lines forming a network, generally ranging over the reddish, and even the dark greenish, regions of the planet's disc. In width they are from 15 to 40 miles, and at up to 3,000 miles long; as many as fourteen such "canals" will meet at the oases and lakes and then continue across the apparent desert areas to other oases, or the extensive greenish-grey areas; about 50 "canals" have been observed to be double, those constituting a pair being parallel and between 100 and 200 miles apart.

It is not claimed that the "canals" are really watercourses, but that they are irrigated areas—that they are apparently the resulting belts of vegetation which develop, most probably by cultivation, for several miles on each side of much narrower watercourses, which are artificially constructed to convey water from the polar regions when the snow cap begins to melt. This melting, as we have seen, apparently floods the regions surrounding the poles; and what more probable, therefore, than for reasoning beings to seek to make the best use of so valuable and rare a commodity as water? The geometrical arrangement of the cultivated tracts, so different from the courses rivers would take, strengthens the suggestion that the "canals" are the work of reasoning beings. Lowell, who had his famous observatory erected in the ideal situation of Flagstaff, Arizona, delineated over 400 "canals" and some 200 "oases" and "lakes." Slipher and many other astronomers have inde-

pendently confirmed most of the discoveries of Schiaparelli and Lowell, both of whom prepared a chart of Mars upon which the details are mapped. A few of the more prominent and generally recognized are shown in the accompanying sketch map of Mars.

The evidence against this theory and, indeed, against the existence of life on Mars and the presence of these belts of vegetation or "canals," is of the negative type. Its chief exponents are Barnard in America, Antoniadi in France, and Jeans in this country. Barnard, though using the most powerful telescopes, claims that he never saw what Lowell and so many others revealed; Antoniadi has expressed like opinions,

MARS

UPDATE



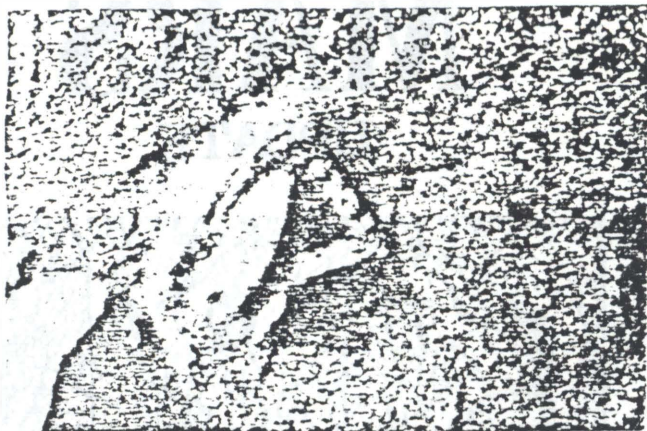
Although, this is not really an update as such, I have included this item reprinted from FORESIGHT magazine (page 12) to bring new readers up to date of what is going on upon the red planet:

Many photographs show that life exists or has existed on Mars. The photo above, shows a lot of "straight sides" and is found directly south of the "face" featured here.

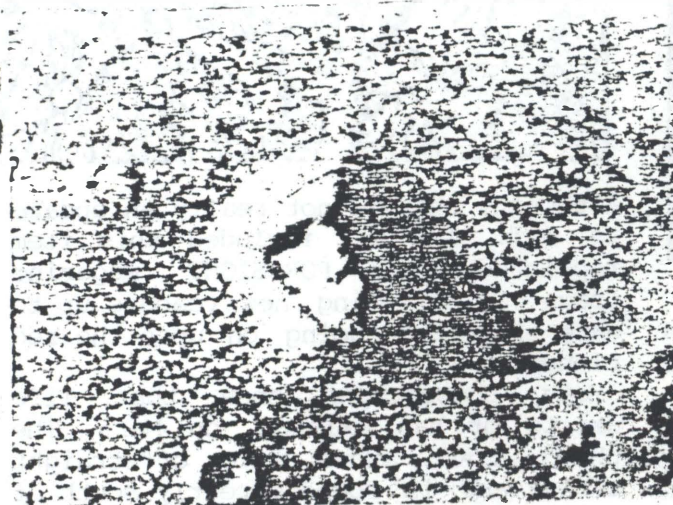
The photo below shows in greater detail, a straight sided construction and indentations. These are features that could not be the product of natural erosion.



The photograph at the top of page 8, again shows straight sides and pierlike "teeth" on one side, a structure now mostly buried under the sands.



The final photograph is of the famous "face" on Mars, (bottom). Richard C. Hoagland, a science writer and one time consultant at the Goddard Space Flight Centre, organised a computer conference entitled The Independent Mars Investigation Team, with the purpose of having the features and all other pertinent data studied by a representative group of scientists and specialists; the group eventually included Brian O'Leary, a scientist-astronaut, and David Webb, a member of the U.S President's Space Commission.



In their conclusion they not only concurred with the view that the "face" and "pyramids" were artificial structures, they also suggested that other features on Mars were the handiwork of intelligent beings who had once been on Mars.

The pyramid constructions close to the face bear a remarkable similarity to the Egyptian pyramids. In fact the layout of the Martian Face and Pyramids is unbelievably similar to the ancient layout of the Sphinx and nearby pyramids!

It seems an almost inescapable conclusion that whoever built the pyramids and face on Mars also built the Egyptian pyramids.

The story assumes even more conclusive proportions when the pyramid structures found on the moon are included. Add to all this the fact that these constructions may not be "dormant". Signs of activity and change have been found on and around the constructions on Mars and our own moon.

It would appear that at some time in the past Mars was a thriving space base and that this base has now been re-activated. Recent activity on our own moon suggests that there may be a Mars link-up.

As to who has re-activated these bases; there is a suggestion of an Earth/Alien alliance. CREDIT: **FORESIGHT MAGAZINE**

EDITOR'S note: REMEMBER THE MARS PROBE WHICH MYSTERIOUSLY VANISHED IN MARS ORBIT LAST YEAR? Make you wonder if there really IS something going on, we the public are being kept in the dark about!!!

PUBLICATIONS OF INTEREST

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Old & New

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Thank you for issue 47 of Cosmology News. I most enjoyed the article on the dinosaurs as I recently purchased a model of a Tyrannosaurus Rex. Please also reserve me a copy of your new psychic magazine **PARAPHENOMENA** as it becomes available.

Best wishes, Your sincerely, R.Ison, Rugby Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

Sirs,

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ODDS AND ENDS:

Scientists watch Mars for signs of life today

By Daily Mail Reporter

MEN from Mars, whether in flying "jellyfish" or flying saucers, or just watching us, may be caught in a worldwide trap organised by astronomers in ten countries today.

The trap has been laid on by scientists in 18 observatories at key stations to solve the problem — "Is there any life on Mars?"

Ready with their telescopes, measuring instruments and photographic plates, the astronomers have been watching the planet

until today it is closer—40 million miles— than for 13 years.

South Africa is the best vantage point, and there have congregated American scientists led by Dr. E. C. Silpher, of the Lowell Observatory, Flagstaff, Arizona.

Scientists have spotted canals, white polar caps which grow and shrink, and deserts. But there appear to be no seas. So, although the Martians may be very clever, they probably won't be able to swim.

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AT A MEETING HELD IN LONDON SOME YEARS AGO BY A UFO GROUP, THE STORY TELLER SAID WHAT HE WAS ABOUT TO SAY WOULD MAKE THEIR FLESH CREEP. THE ODD THING WAS, NON OF THE TALES TOLD HAD ANY BEARINGS ON UFOLOGY: FROM WHAT IS REMEMBERED OF THAT MEETING, HERE THEY ARE:

THE VANISHING MAN

THREE FRIENDS WERE STANDING TALKING NEAR A LARGE FIELD, and after a while one of them decided to go home across this field. He said his farewells and left his two friends, with a cheery wave. The remaining two watched the man walking slowly across the field, when to their utter astonishment, he gradually faded away into nothingness. They ran to where he was last seen but no trace of him could ever be found. For some years afterwards, whenever people walked across that field and passed the place where he had vanished, sometimes his voice could be heard calling, Help me, Help me. To this day nobody has seen or heard any more.

MORE DISAPPEARANCES

In Victorian times, when transport was by horse drawn coaches, there was an incident when one day one such buggy came into a town in England. A well dressed gentleman stepped out of the carriage on the right hand side, collected his belonging, and walked round the back of the carriage...but he never appeared round the other side! Despite searches being made, he too was never found.

OLIVER LURCH:

This is a well known story. It centres around a young boy who one snowy winter was asked by his parents to fetch some water in a bucket from their well in their garden. Oliver took the bucket and walked out of the house. A few moments later he was heard yelling saying: "They've got me". His parents rushed out to see only his footprints in the snow. Of Oliver there was no sign. His screaming voice seemed to come from overhead, it was stated. Despite police attempts to find him, he too has been missing for over 75 years, or so.

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GHOSTS IN MY PASSAGE

On Tuesday January 14th 1992, a young mother in Great Dunmow, Essex, told the Editor that she kept seeing shadows flitting past her on the walls of her passageway. Because she was on medication at the time, she had put it down to that. But the shadows, which she described as being like that of small children running about, kept appearing on occasions. Her young child, Kelly, was running about also, and again it was put down to her shadow. However, one late evening, the young mother invited a friend in for company. She had not told anyone what she was seeing, still believing it to be hallucinations...until her friend, who was sitting by the passageway also saw them. Then she knew what was occurring was real.

This is not the first case of shadows being seen in houses. Your editor discovered another young mother had the same phenomena in her block of flats too. Is there any connection with ghosts of the past and YOUNG CHILDREN anything in common. If any other reader has had this experience and wishes to tell us about it, I would be pleased to publish it. =EDITOR.

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OTHER NEWS:

The famous picture of the Loch Ness Monster taken in 1934 by R.K. Wilson was a hoax. The man himself came clean about it in a TV interview some time ago. Your editor cannot remember exact details, but a small submarine was said to be part of the hoax. I believe the "head" of the monster was attached to it and then photographed. A full report of this may be forthcoming if and when I can get hold of some more information.

RELIGION

MY TESTIMONY

By Ann Wasley

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THE START FOR ME

I HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED IN GOD AND THAT GOD CREATED THE UNIVERSE AND WE ARE ALL HERE BECAUSE OF GOD.

I invited Jesus into my life six and a half years, and four years ago I became born again.

Before I became born again I was trapped by fear and doubts due to my past, which caused me to have deep depression. I cried out to God to help me and then God intervened. I was very depressed and did not want to get out of bed, just wanted to sleep.

As the weeks and months went by I was still depressed and did not know which way to turn. All the time God was with me and I started to go for Christian Counselling where God delivered me from anger and depression that was caused by my past, which was violence and horror. My father was alcoholic and violent and therefore was very dramatic at times.

However, God has set me free from depression and my past. I have always believed in God from an early age. I never wanted the world and God's hand obviously had his hand on me then. My past had caught up with me but God has set me free to walk in freedom which is Jesus and now I have a new life. God is still ministering to me and is changing me into the person he wants me to be "free to be myself."

God has no hang-ups therefore we should not have any or try to oppose any on people.

I love being born again and I have been filled with the Holy Ghost. I believe that all Christians should speak in tongues and praise God, lifting hands as the Bible says so.



Ann Wasley with Rita Harris at meeting

It is great to be charismatic-free. God is Sovereign and almighty and there is nothing he cannot handle. He places desire into people and because he is love he fulfils the desires of peoples' hearts because he is "Love". He is faithful and true. I am trusting God's promise to me through prophesy that he has a husband for me. I am waiting on God. I believe the prophesy and that I shall be blessed with a family as well - through prophesy. I pray that he is born-again.

My great ambition is to go on a Safari holiday and see all the wild animals and jungle, and go deep sea fishing because I am wild at heart and love the wild side of life. I love boats and am looking forward to going deep sea fishing in Devon.

I discovered the Christian fellowship because the normal church was not deep enough and not fulfilling, which I needed. The other is so alive, not depressing. I feel Christians should worship God by clapping and dancing.

We need to get rid of religious traditions and too many churches have become religious. We need to worship him in spirit.

RELIGION: ANN'S STORY

(continued)

I am now at Tony Hickman's Christian Fellowship. I believe this is where God wants me to be and will use me. I believe the church will grow.

I met Tony Hickman from my, Margaret, who went to their previous fellowship meetings. My desire is to do the will of God. I



My mum with my friend, Eric on a visit from Uganda

would like to get involved in Counselling, helping those who are unsaved, the hurting and the depressed. My other desires are I also would like to do worship singing and I am having singing lessons. Also drama and acting. I think I have a good voice, and performance to act.

My other desire is to go to Africa and visit Kenya which is "next door" and to visit my friend Eric who is in Uganda.

Ann Wasley 1994

THE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

A visit to see what goes on. By the Editor, Sunday 28th November 1993.

Having been invited by Ann to one of their meetings, CN editor and wife, Rita, visited, Tony Hickman's

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FORESIGHT MAGAZINE: A Fortean type phenomena magazine also sometimes containing startling medical breakthroughs. April-June issue features Where do UFOs come from? Life on Mars which is a complete run down on whether life had once existed on Mars. Photos and 'evidence' of sorts. Also Vitamin clue to cancer treatment, astronomy news, and much more: From John & Judy Barklam, 44 Brockhurst Road, Hodge Hill, Birmingham, B36 8JB, England. (£1.60) subscription.

Engimas: Issue 35 vol 4 Feb-March 1994. Features: Was Mary Howe Buried Alive?, Man Apes of Australia, The Sauchie poltergeist, The paranormal in music, and much more. From: Malcolm Robinson, 41 The Braes, Tullibody, Clackmannanshire, SCOTLAND, FK10 2TT £2. each.

AURA Z: It is as thick as a book complete with glossy cover from Russia. By post to: AURA-Z, C/o OVNI Presence BP 57 13 244 Marseille-La Plaine, Cadex 1, FRANCE: Mention CN when replying.

"church" in Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England. This is at present in his living room, where services, and healings take place. It was the healings which are claimed to go on there which had interested me at the time, and I thought it would make a nice article for our readers, showing proof of God's power over illness. Unfortunately, at this particular meeting, there were no healings in progress. All there seemed to be perfectly fit and well. Tony, however, assured me, that from time to time healings do take place and when they do they are short of a miracle. In fact Tony himself says he has been delivered from a life-threatening illness due to God's intervention. Nobody can argue with that since he is a now very fit and active man going about

his ministry. Tony has now devoted his life, in gratitude, in his beliefs and set up the church in his own home. He tells me that sooner or later they will be moving to a larger premises.

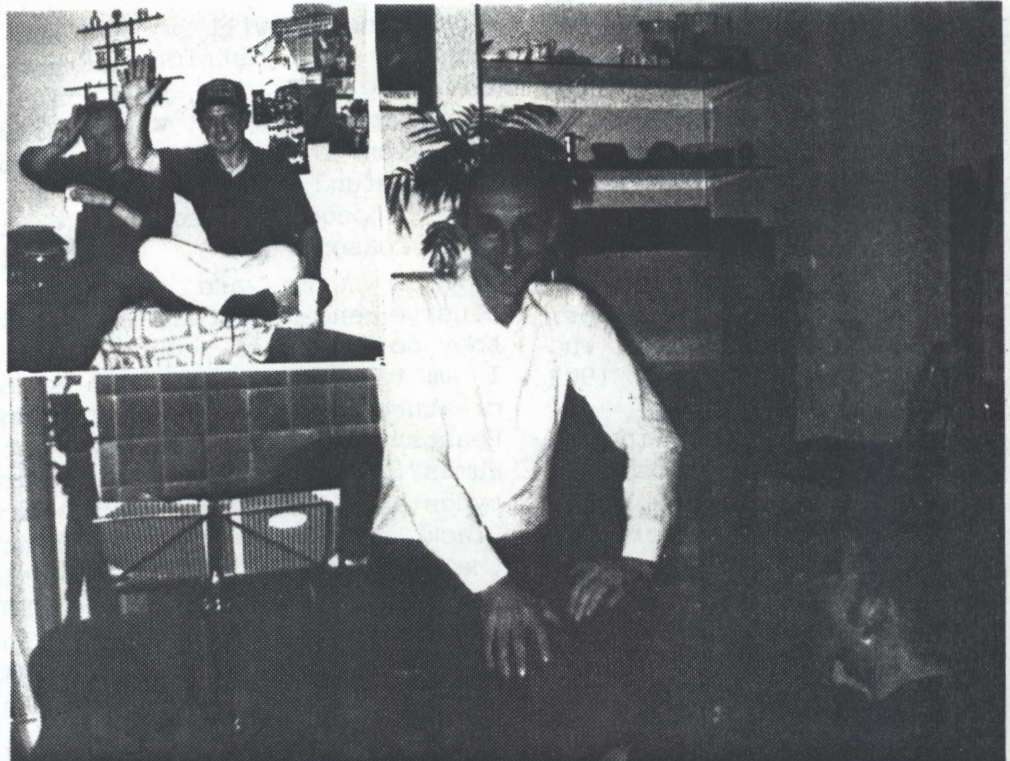
At this meeting, held last year, a video tape was being played showing how and when the 'born again' Christians originated from. In order for me not to get details wrong, Tony promised us an article at some later date.

There were no shortage of worshippers at Tony's home, as they all arrived for the service. Tony, who works from home, during the week, started off the service which is far different from normal church worshipping. This Christian Fellowship comes alive when his wife, Susan starts to play her piano, accompanied by guitars as hymns are sung rather than spoken. This lively service is far better than conventional churches, where in my youth, I used to come out feeling more depressed than when I went in.

Tony's little group was held in an atmosphere of song and music. God's spirit seemed to be with all who took part as cries of "praise the Lord, and Jesus be with us" were sung out. Tony spoke of the wickedness in the world today, and read from a very large Bible which he had some difficulty in holding giving out continuous quotes. Later I asked Tony how would he spread God's word and what sort of publications would he write in? He said, he would even write in off-beat magazines if this is what is needed to bring people to Jesus. By that, I am wondering if COSMOLOGY NEWS would be one of them!

After the joyous service the thirteen people who attended, some youngsters in their twenties, left to go home. However, one man said he was wondering what was it all been for? He had fought in two world wars...simple acts of faith. "Jesus said be as a child."

There are several publications given out by Tony's group. One is called VICTORY. The other is the New Testament with Psalms & Proverbs. Any interested readers can phone: (0279) 504311.



TONY HICKMAN AT HOME IN HIS CHURCH



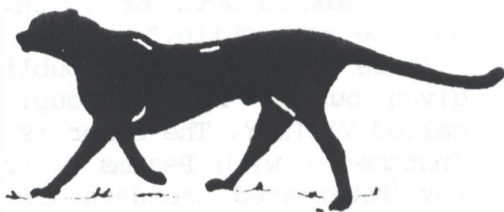
WIFE SUSAN AT THE PIANO.

Inset: (photo above) Young Martin and friend.

CN wishes to thank all who helped in compiling these articles, Ann Wasley November 1993.

BIG CAT SIGHTINGS

mystery deepens



OVER THE YEARS, IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, THERE HAVE BEEN SIGHTINGS OF STRANGE WILD CAT-LIKE ANIMALS, they have been seen in a variety of places.

One of our readers into big cat phenomena is Marcus Mathews of Crockerton, Warminster, Wiltshire, England who wrote to CN in Oct 1993 saying:

'I am interested in big cats on the loose in Britain and abroad and I am particularly fascinated by cryptozoology, the scientific study of unknown species of animals. I have written a book called "Big Cats Loose In Britain" which I am trying to publish. Could I appeal to you to please send any relevant information that you possess on this subject to the address given.

Have any of you had any sightings, livestock killed, (e.g. sheep, cattle, horses, poultry) or seen any claw marks, pug marks, paw prints, or heard any strange and unusual noises that could be assigned to a field? If you could send me any records, reports, tapes, pictures, photographs, and descriptions of these largely unknown and mysterious felids, (Big-cats and wild-cats) in any area, I would be

most grateful. All information will be treated in strictest confidence and will only be published with permission in my book. I shall refund all postage and photocopying costs, within reason!

These cats are shy, elusive and nocturnal and they do exist, of course. I am talking about such creatures as the "Exmoor Beasts" and the "Surrey Pumas". They include such types and breeds as Pumas, Black Panthers, (Melanistic Leopards), Lynxes, Leopard-cats, and Jungle-cats. I have seen a puma on Exmoor and a Bob-cat (Lynx) on the Mendip Hills of Somerset and Avon. I believe there are connections between historic Black Dog/Ghost Hound accounts and sightings long ago of large Black Panther-type cats, so I am interested in any local Black Dog or Black Big-cat stories from the past you can tell me about.

Since August 1986, I have been researching, investigating, and collecting as much evidence as possible on these cats. I have thus amassed about 1,000 letters in 25 files describing hundreds of sightings by people who are familiar with native wildlife and or who are

skilled at making observations such as farmers, game keepers, foresters, and policemen.

I have no doubt that the cats have been living in the fields, downs, woodlands, and moorlands of Great Britain for centuries, in some areas.

I have done field work in various parts of Britain and this includes tracking the cats, visiting the areas where there have actually been sightings, and talking to local people and local officials in various authorities to find out if they have any information on Big-cats.

I shall refund all postage and photocopying costs, within reason! If I can help you on this subject, do please contact me. I shall look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you very much and best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Marcus John De Gaughy
Matthews.

***IF ANY READER HAS ANY INFORMATION THEY CAN PART WITH FOR MR. MATTHEWS, PLEASE LET HIM KNOW ON: Warminster (0985) 212479.

In a second letter, Mr. Matthews said:

I am now very interested to receive Cosmology News with its section on cats. I would imagine that apart from the periodic references in "Fortean Times" and regular reviews in SCAN NEWS and past/present references in FOLKLURE FRONTIERS, Annals of the Enquiring, ENIGMAS, ASSAP NEWS, and ANOMALIES, STRANGE MAGAZINE, and others, that COSMOLOGY NEWS, is the only magazine that covers phenomena from a cosmological viewpoint.

My work goes on well and I can send you any information in particular.

I enclose some recent

data on cats which may interest you.

EDITOR: Cat sightings of the type we have read about are not published from a cosmological viewpoint, but we include strange phenomena at present until I can get to organise a NEW magazine to be called: **PARA-PHENOMENA** which will appear sometime towards the end of this year (if all goes well) or sometime in 1995. Until then CN will carry information on Fortean and other strange happening...including Big Cat sightings.

Big cat sightings have been a recent topic on breakfast TV. Last year from memory, one such animal was videotaped in the distant. Should I be able to find this picture, I will attempt to show it here in due course. Meanwhile here is yet another newspaper article on the strange cats.

From the Yorkshire Evening Press of 27.October 1993:

THE mystery over whether a wild puma is stalking moorland in the South West deepened today after a woman revealed she had been attacked by a puma-like cat.

The 37-year-old woman was walking her dog early yesterday when she was knocked unconscious with a blow to the back of the head.

When she came round she found her dog barking furiously - and spotted the large cat-like creature stalking her from 30ft away.

The dark-coloured cat, which had a four-foot-long tail and an arched back, made a grunting noise before sprinting off.

The woman suffered shock and a sore head.

When she later reported the incident, police revealed a sheep had been savaged on the same night in a nearby field on Bodmin Moor, Cornwall.

A spokesman for Devon and Cornwall police said they were linking the incidents to another ferocious attack on a sheep five nights earlier.

In London, a group of interested people have formed a group called TEMS (Travel And Earth Mysteries Society) the chairman of which is Mr. Lionel Beer, or Spacelink magazine fame. It was at one of these meetings that the subject of strange cats was brought up last year. Anyone interested in this society should write to Lionel Beer 115 Hollybush Lane HAMPTON, Middlesex TW12 2QY.

In their December issues of TEMS NEWS for December 1992 we read:

'SURREY PUMA' SEEN AGAIN. Puma stories hit the headlines in the early 1960's. In January 1965 sightings were so numerous that Surrey Police issued a warning to people visiting Hurtwood Common, near Dorking. During October and November 1992 there have been at least six sightings of 'Big Cats' in the Elmbridge area. Places mentioned include:

Cobham, Burwood Park
Burhill and Hersham.

Our local expert is Det. Con. Steve Ashcroft of the Kingston Crime Squad, who gave TEMS a talk on Big Cats Sightings in Surrey and other parts of the UK, on May 1993.

One report CN came across somewhere was a big black animal had indeed brushed against a lady out walking her dog one dark night. She had the fright of her life and it was reported to the police.

I am wondering however, could some of these big cats be exotic pets which may have either escaped their owners, or the owners have deliberately let them loose pending some legislation being brought in to curb such animals?

EDITOR

Big cat's attack starts the fur flying



mystery animal captured on film

By JOHN YOUNG

DO PUMAS roam the wild and not-so-wild places of Britain, or are they just the product of a febrile public imagination? The question remained unresolved yesterday after publication of a photograph taken near St John's Chapel, co. Durham, of a large furry animal with a rabbit in its mouth.

The photographer, Philip Nixon, said he had never seen anything like the animal before. "I was driving down the road and saw it straight ahead of me," he said. "I grabbed a camera off my son, who was in the passenger seat, and nearly strangled him with the strap. When I got out of the car, the animal was in a field and heading away. I just managed to get one shot."

"The animal was catlike in its features and definitely not a fox. It was reddish brown in colour, larger than any cat I've ever seen, about as big as a border collie bitch."

The carcass of a sheep savaged at Whorlton, co. Durham, was recently sent to agriculture ministry veterinary officers who concluded that the killer was not a dog. The carcass had puncture wounds around the throat and had been stripped of about 22lb of flesh. Dr Andrew Kitchener, curator of animals and birds at the Royal Museum of Scotland in Edinburgh, and author of *The Natural History of the Wild Cats*, said the way the sheep was killed was "quite typical of big cats".

In the past decade there have been at least a dozen reported sightings of pumas in widely scattered areas of England and Wales. One of the first sightings was in the summer of 1984 on the Isle of Wight, when a local farmer who had lost several ewes said an animal had sprung across his path when he was driving down a forest track. He described it as bigger than a large dog, jet black, with heavy legs and shoulders and a long tail.

Since then other reports have included:

February 1990: claw found embedded in tree near Redruth, Cornwall, thought to be that of a puma.

July 1990: police enquiry launched after large animal seen on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire.

May 1991: big "snarling" cat spotted by police constable in West Malling, Kent.

However, the most recent sighting was dismissed by an expert at London zoo shown the photograph. "Obviously, given the quality of the picture, I cannot be certain, but my gut feeling is that it is just a large cat. It is certainly not what we would classify as a Big Cat," he said.

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LIFE AFTER DEATH

A COSMOLOGY NEWS INVESTIGATION

During his lifetime, my father, Mr. Alf Harris would always say to me when I felt a little ill: "Don't worry, you can only die ONCE!" How right he was. Unfortunately he died on November 1982, and when that occurred I really felt that he HAD gone to another place in time and space.

Is this place the so-called spirit world? It has been said to be: "That mysterious place from where no one ever returns."

Many people have had close brushes with death in the near death experiences in hospital, where they have actually seen their bodies 'dying' in the bed being attended to by doctors who have revived them. On their return to their bodies they all say the same thing, that they have found themselves floating near the ceiling, and some have even been whisked through this long-dark tunnel or long white one, to come through it only to be greeted by long dead families or friends who tell them its not time for them yet and they go back.

In CN's new magazine which is to hopefully come out next year, I would like to postulate that this spirit world was created. I will tell you how it was created in PARA-PHENOMENA. However, it is inconclusive to actually have a definitive article on Life After Death, because it is a never ending saga. But one can search for some answers and in this following report I would like to bring to you some of the work which was investigated by the DAILY MAIL NEWSPAPER of Saturday July 3 1993 and to what conclusions they came up with.

This article was from:
Graham Turner of the
DAILY MAIL.

In fact what we have just read came true for Lord Charteris, former private secretary to the Queen. Graham Turner writes that he was "out riding with my grand-daughter when suddenly my horse, Flossie, went off at a gallop. I totally lost control and was thrown very heavily.

"Then I was conscious of floating above my body, which I saw lying exactly as I was in fact lying, on my right side with my knees up to my chin, in a green shooting jacket and with my helmet still on.

"I could see myself quite clearly-it was much more real than a photograph-although at the time I was unconscious. I remember feeling indifferent about it-no discomfort, no pain, I just felt perfectly OK.

"It was quite different from a dream. In dreams you're yourself. I don't see myself in dreams, I am myself and I see other people. In this case, I was myself and yet I was also looking down on myself. But the thing that was full of life was me-outside my body! I don't know what it means, but there's no doubt that it's for real." *****

Other people have as seen, gone through this process. Nor is Lord Charteris alone in having this experience, His son-in-law, Lord Pearson of Rannoch, one of the most respected insurance brokers in the city, went through an even more remark-

able episode during an operation in 1977. He felt pain

anaesthetic had begun to fail. Then he entered what seemed to him 'a completely different spiritual dimension'. He had a sense of being joined by a companion who, at first, was merely 'a sort of voice, very quiet and persistent', with whom he had a conversation.

'I said to him: "Nobody's going to believe this" and the voice replied: "But they don't believe in God either". So I said "Maybe they don't but I do, so what point are you trying to make?" The answer was even greater pain; and meanwhile we were going down these great rock steps, deeper and deeper into the earth.

'As we went down, I began to realise that I had an extremely nice guide, a messenger who had come to help. In the end, though, I lost my temper with him and shouted: "There's no point in going on like this, I do believe in God, so what is the point of this conversation and all this incredible pain?" My voice went right out into the void.

'Then I felt there was a person with me. I could almost put a face to him. He was a perfectly ordinary bloke like you, but I knew that he'd suffered a lot, that he came from the other side of suffering.

'Soon, we came to this huge rock face which opened sideways like two great doors. I went through them into this extraordinary shining presence of lights, the opposite to pain and darkness. I had no doubt that I was in the presence of God. I felt a sense of total awe.'

Neither Lord Charteris nor Lord Pearson are exactly wacky. Indeed, it is hard to imagine men less credulous or more worldly-wise. What is more, they are merely two out of many thousands who claim to have

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had out-of-body or near-death experiences (NDEs), in which they look down upon themselves with cool indifference, or even catch a glimpse of what many believe will happen to us all when we die.

As more and more people who have had these astonishing experiences find the courage to come out and describe them, it is becoming increasingly obvious that they are neither bizarre nor even particularly unusual.

Dr Peter Fenwick, an eminent neuro-psychiatrist based at the Maudsley Hospital in London who has almost finished a study of NDEs in this country, has received more than 2,000 letters from those who have had them, often describing what happened in great detail. No fewer than 84 per cent say they heard about NDEs only after they had had one themselves.

Are these experiences genuine? More to the point, do they provide evidence that our minds (some would say our souls) can actually leave our

bodies, and that there is some other kind of life after we die? Or are they produced by what happens inside our brains when we are suffering physical trauma so severe that we may come close to death?

These are not trifling matters. If these experiences are not merely the trauma-driven contortions of our brains, but glimpses of life after death, then the entire scientific and materialist view of the world will have to be rethought, and the claims of religion treated with much greater respect.

To find out whether such experiences tell us anything about the answers to these questions, I have spent much of the past two months traveling round this country and the United States, talking to doctors, researchers and clerics on both sides of the argument — and to scores of people who have gone through them.

They could scarcely have been more diverse. They included an art gallery owner and an ex-Marine, a truck driver and an interior designer. They varied in age from an eight-year-old boy to Lord Charteris, who will be 80 this year.

All had fascinating stories to tell. With the occasional exception, these people were patently not at all weird. Nor were they table-tappers who spent their spare time trying to summon up the shades of great-uncles from the other side.

Many were agnostics before they had their experience, very few already held strong religious convictions. They were, for the most part, entirely down-to-earth folk.

Even a sceptic like Dr Susan Blackmore, of the West of England University in Bristol, concedes that such stories are clearly authentic, whatever it was that provoked them. 'There is,' she says, 'a certain quality about the way these people describe what happened to them.'

Gillian Mackenzie, now 59 and living in Sussex, had her experience at the age of 34, during the birth of her first baby. 'Things started to go wrong, so they decided on a Caesarean and the anaesthetist said they were going to give me oxygen. Suddenly I was in pitch-black darkness but going up towards a pinpoint of light, as if I were in a plane.

'I thought "I'm dead" and felt extremely angry, because nobody had

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given me any warning. I felt very concerned about my baby and my husband Hamish.

'Soon I found myself in a tunnel. I could see its walls as the light at the end became brighter. When I came out of the tunnel, I felt surrounded by that light. I didn't see anybody, but I was aware that someone was there. A voice said: "Gill, you know who I am" and I thought: "Heavens, this is God and He knows my name!"

'It seemed very odd because I'd always assumed that you had to go through a reception area to get to God. I'd been secretary to a managing director, and nobody ever got to him without coming through me! The voice said the same thing three times and eventually I replied: "Yes, I know who you are, but I just can't say the word." It was the first time I'd ever been in awe of anyone.

'Then the voice chuckled — gosh, I thought, God has a sense of humour — and said: 'Gill, there is someone here you do know', and it was my grandfather, who'd died two years before. I felt elated because I'd been very close to him. "Grandfather," I said, "I'm not staying here. Hamish can't cope, I've left a pile of shirts to



Lord Charteris: Was conscious of floating above his body

be ironed and he doesn't know how to do them."

'Grandfather just laughed. It didn't make a damn of difference, he said. "You mustn't say a word like that," I told him, "or you'll be chucked out of here" but he simply said I'd have to make a case if I wanted to go back.

'So I said: "I've got to use this experience to help other people" and immediately I was back on the ceiling of the operating theatre, looking down on myself. They were just sewing me up and there was an awful lot of blood. I thought: "I must let Hamish know."

'At that, I went through the wall of the theatre and saw Hamish sitting down the corridor, where a doctor was telling him we'd had a son. The doctor said something about the delivery being "dicey". Hamish went down the corridor to call my mother in Dorset, and it was as if I could hear both sides of the conversation. She said: "Talk to her and, in the meantime, pray."

'Then I was back in the ward with grandfather. "I wish I could call Hamish," I said. "Why don't you?" he replied, and I found myself in a telephone box. I heard Hamish say hello but when I said hello back, I woke up again. I didn't tell anyone outside the family for five years.'

Such episodes are not just memorable one-day wonders. What is remarkable is that they often have a profound effect on the future lives of those who experience them.

Margot Grey, now 68 and a practising psychotherapist in London for the past ten years, had her NDE when she was 52 and travelling in India. Up to that point, she'd led 'a thoroughly frivolous life. I expected to do the London season every year as a matter of course — Ascot, Goodwood, Henley, balls at Hurlingham, the lot'. She was also going through her second divorce.

'On my way to Madras to see some friends,' she recalled, 'I started to ache and soon developed a temperature which, at times, reached 105. I was given Ayurvedic treatment by an Indian doctor, so I didn't take any drugs; but for three weeks I hovered between life and death.

'One day, as I floated out of consciousness, I remember giving myself an instinctive push and suddenly found myself up against the ceiling, gazing down on my body. I was quite surprised to see how ill I looked — absolutely ashen, with sunken eyes — but I felt no concern. I viewed my



Margot Grey: Her entire way of life was changed by what happened to her

body as if it was a shabby old coat that needed to be thrown away. I was just a body, not me.

'Then I went through the ceiling into space and found myself free-falling in complete blackness. I remember thinking: "So this is what it's like to die." I became aware of a man wearing a long white robe, with sandals on his feet. There was a wonderful light behind him, so his face was in shadow, but I could still see that he had the most beautiful blue-grey eyes and a brown skin. I'd have said he was Eastern rather than Western.

'He gave out such a feeling of love and compassion that I rushed into his arms, like a little girl rushing into the arms of a beloved father. I felt he knew everything about me, my innermost feelings, everything.

'He gave me to understand that he knew all about my difficulties and thought I'd done the best I could. I had a choice, I could move on or go back, but what mattered was not material considerations but my spiritual development.

'He indicated that if I went back, things wouldn't be easy, but my life would change radically. I'd be doing things for others but also for myself, and it would bring me great fulfillment. The trials that I'd encounter would be just stepping-stones in my development.

'So I chose to return and then found myself in a sort of swimming pool out in the open, with sunshine twinkling on the water. I was at the shallow end and at the deep end, there was a nasty, murky patch on the bottom. I knew it was a dead body but, though I didn't want to, something impelled me towards it.

'When I came within range, it grabbed my arm in a vice-like grip. It was really a skeleton with loose bits of flesh hanging off it. I remember pointing at it with my other hand and saying: "You have no power over me, I'm stronger than you!" With that, it let go and sank to the bottom again.

'Then I started coming up for air. It took so long, I thought my lungs would burst; but as my head broke the surface, I took a great gulp of breath and I was back in my body. From that moment, my temperature started to fall.'

It was not only Margot's temperature which changed so dramatically. Her entire life became different. Out of the blue came an invitation to study for a psychology degree at an American university and, although she felt she had never been any good academically, she took up the offer. In due course, she became a psychotherapist, and that was only the beginning of a profound spiritual change in her lifestyle.

So what is it that triggers such spectacular experiences? Susan Blackmore believes they can all be explained by the fact that, when someone is near death, their brain cells 'start firing randomly' because of either a lack of oxygen, the effect of extreme stress or the release of endorphins, the chemicals which are the body's own morphine.

All these things, or a combination of them, she says, will produce lights, tunnels and hallucinations of other worlds. As for out-of-body experiences, she contends that the brain is always constructing its own models of the world and that when we are near death, the best it can do — since it has only memory and imagination to rely on — is to construct a bird's-eye view of the sort Lord Charteris describes.

Dr Blackmore nevertheless believes that near-death experiences are a good thing, 'because they propel you into a state of mind where the self

has temporarily disintegrated; all the self-y things which previously mattered — like money and jobs — are no longer of any concern, and there is a sense of joy precisely because that preoccupation with self has gone. That changes a person's perception for ever.'

Peter Fenwick finds such explanations woefully inadequate. 'Lack of oxygen,' he says, 'produces confusion, not the sort of clarity and detail which is such a striking feature of these experiences.'

'As for endorphins, we inject patients with them all the time to combat pain, and they don't have NDEs. And when people are suffering from extreme stress, they don't have life-enhancing experiences — on the contrary, they get a sense that they are no longer the same people. So Susan doesn't even have a working hypothesis!

'No, the plain fact is that none of us understands these phenomena. As for the soul and life after death, they are still just open questions, though I myself suspect that NDEs are part of the same continuum as mystical experiences.'

Another extraordinary feature of many near-death experiences is that those who have gone through them find them so inspiring and profound

◐ I viewed my body as a shabby old coat needing to be thrown away ◑

that they don't want to come back to earth.

When she had her experience 15 years ago, Maureen Hardy — now 46 and living in Bognor — was an agnostic. Her father's own Methodist upbringing had been so repressive that he wouldn't let her go to church. When she finally did go at the age of 14, she soon gave up again after someone asked how she knew God existed, and she had to reply that she didn't. 'I thought the church should only be for people who believed in God,' she said, 'so there seemed no point in going on.'

Her near-death experience changed all that. 'I had to have my first baby by Caesarean section and, as soon as he had been born, there was a kind of click and I went into what I can only describe as an altered state of consciousness, another place.

'I became aware of another being,



Maureen Hardy, whose joyful experience changed her from an agnostic to a believer

which I communicated with. It lessens what God is, if I say the being was God, but He treated me in a way which made me feel perfectly understood. I was also aware of humour, lots and lots of laughter. It was such fun, so joyful, and I had never in my life thought God could be fun.

'The mental pain of coming out of the experience was far more intense than the pain of going into it. I felt I couldn't bear to go back and not know God existed. It has given me an unshakeable faith based on experience and, for that reason, is more important than anything else which has happened to me.'

By no means all near-death experiences are life-enhancing. Some, indeed, are so horrific and threatening as to scar indelibly the memory of those who have suffered them. Nancy Evans Bush, the American president of the international Association of Near-Death Studies, had such an experience.

'I was 28, and having difficulties with the delivery of my second child. My blood pressure dropped precipitately and the doctors were trying frantically to bring me round. I was suddenly aware of being outside the hospital and travelling up into the sky at a fantastic speed. Soon, I felt I was out in the universe somewhere.



Above: Nancy Evans Bush, whose near-death experience was one of the unpleasant ones

'It was dark, but a dark that could be seen through, and suddenly there was a group of geometric figures which were making clicking sounds. Their message, conveyed telepathically, was: "This is it!" I was angry and replied: "Oh no, it isn't!" "Oh yes it is," the message came back, "your life was never real, you were just allowed to make it up. It was a game, a cosmic joke."

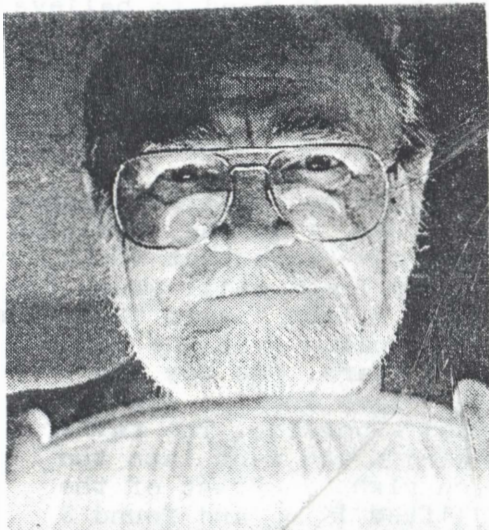
'I felt I was arguing for my existence, my life; and I can remember thinking: "I can't be making this up, I'm having a baby. In any case, if I don't exist, neither do they." I felt total despair, because it amounted to a holocaust, since it wasn't only my life which didn't exist but everybody else's.

'The doctors eventually brought me round, but I was utterly devastated. I still wasn't sure whether I or my baby was real. That despair persisted for many months and there was no one I could tell. If people were real, I'd sound crazy. If they weren't, why bother? More people than you might think have had experiences of that kind. It's just that they want to talk about them even less than the folk who've had good ones. The memory eventually recedes, but it's always there.'

A few near-death experiences are initially terrifying but ultimately reassuring. Alan Sullivan, a truck driver from Hartford, Connecticut, describes what happened to him five years ago.

'I was having a heart by-pass operation and the surgeon told me: "You'll feel a little pinch." I waited, realised he wasn't speaking any longer and suddenly found myself up near the ceiling. I could actually see right through the two doctors working on me to my own body in its entirety. I wasn't at all interested in the fellow down there. That was just the package I used to be.

'I decided that I should continue upwards, but that was a mistake, because it turned out to be terribly frightening. I was encased in murky black darkness and when I glanced upwards, I saw an entity ten or 12 feet in front of me. It was skeletal, cloaked, with yellowish bones and bony hands. I identified it as The



Grim Reaper. It gestured for me to come towards it and I started to head that way.

'It motioned as if to hollow out an area in that total blackness, indicating that that was now a light which I must move towards. I said: "That's no light, it's just a hole." Then the entity threw a yellowish powder into the hole and said: "Now it's a golden light" but I wasn't having any of that, either.

'I pushed it away physically. Almost immediately, I was engulfed in light and felt warm, peaceful, very close to what you'd call rapture. I came to a brown ceramic wall, with light pouring over it, and to my left saw the head of my brother-in-law, who'd died two years before. I yelled: "Bill it's me!" but he didn't seem interested.

'I put my elbow on the wall, hoisted myself up on it and suddenly I was looking at a whole new world, flowers and greenery in colours like we never see. In the very centre was a cauldron of light bubbling like boiling milk. The biggest bubble started to come towards me and took on the identity of my mother, who'd died when I was seven. I seemed to ask: "Why did you die?" and the answer was: "To get this place ready for you."

'Then my brother-in-law appeared over the wall and said: "It's time to go back." "No," I replied, "I'm staying, this is my mother." But she indicated that it was time to go. Just make sick people feel better by telling them it's pity time when they come here," she told me. With that, I came back into my body.'

but the vast majority of near-death experiences are both happy and inspiring. Lynda Allan, who is 38 and wife of a computer manager in Seattle, had her experience only last year.

'I'd been following my young son on my bike when I

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hit the back of his bike and came down head first on the pavement. When I became conscious, I had a sense that I was going somewhere. I was aware that I was dying.

'I found the strength to give my son a last message and then I left my body. It was like taking off a big, heavy overcoat. I felt I'd been stuffed into it for a long time. I had the sense of being very detached from myself. I didn't want the people trying to help to be so interested in that overcoat body, and so sad.

'Then, with no warning, I was whisked up into the sky so fast that it took my breath away and left me gasping. It was a beautiful blue, such as I'd never seen before. The temperature was 80 to 85 — my favourite — and I just floated in this sea of warmth. I was completely content.

'I became aware that someone was beckoning to me to look at them, and that irritated me because I was enjoying myself so much; but then I saw that five or six people were floating in the sky with me, sitting cross-legged, wearing plaid shirts and faded blue jeans.

'One, who had piercing blue eyes, told me it was good that my husband John and I were together (we'd both been married before) that my stepchildren would be my greatest challenge and that I should finish my art studies, because they would.

'After bathing me people did a judgement movie, in very vivid or done. For the decisions, but they had

****At this point I made an error in the cuttings, but I hope

that it gives the reader an insight into what is in store for all

of us when it is our time to go. My old master Mr. Fred Schulthorp, a spiritualist when he was alive, and when I was his paper boy back in the 1950's once said to my enquiries that the more we all learn about the spirit world the easier it will be when we go there ourselves.

As for people like Susan Blackmore, I am hoping that the new studies being made of near-death experiences by, I believe a university professor or an MD, will prove once and for all scientific evidence that life does exist after death.

This study will be released soon as an independent report. If it comes out in favour of what we have just read, then skeptics like Susan Blackmore will disappear into their own little universes. It would be a pity if it turns out inconclusive, then once again we will have to pander to them. But I hope that day never comes. For life after death should be in God's World:

After all Jesus did say that in my Kingdom there are many mansions...did he mean by that there are

many planes of existence, and one of them is the near-death experience.

I do so hope that in further issues of CN, I will be able to bring you more evidence of this other world(s). Maybe in the laws of quantum mechanics somebody may find out there is such a dimension. As far as I'm aware or led to believe, this other existence exists on a mind level i.e. THOUGHT POWER. It was once said that: "If you REALLY believe that when you are dead, that's it...then if thought is all powerful and it is keeping you in existence after death, THAT THOUGHT ALONE WOULD SEE TO IT, that you ARE DEAD, and you will remain unconscious, in that realm for a very very very long time.

EDITOR, Edward Harris.

FROM HUGH DE CRUZ (Spain)

IT WAS SENT TO ME....

In 1963 (20 years before I met Sai-Baba) I sat on the slope near a so called holy thorn bush in meditation below the "Tor" overlooking Glastonbury & other distant villages. I sat crosslegged and wished someone would show up to take my snap but it was llan with not a soul in sight. As I turned to get up a gentleman appeared on the path. He was not altogether english with a slight tan and short moustache but he was english. His height 5Ft.7in and build normal. "Am I glad to see you" I said "I was this moment wishing that some one would show up to take my snap in meditation on the slope" He replied "I'll be glad to" and snapped me with my "post-card" taking old Kodak Camera. "May I now take your picture?" "I'll send you the snap with the negative as well" I said "Of course you may". So I took his picture and asked "Why are you up here?" "I have come to see the village below as I am leaving tomorrow". He named a small village in the distance. "May I have your new address then? So that the photograph reaches you safely?" He took a small piece of paper out of his breast pocket (Light brown coat & trousers with a darker brown beret cap) and wrote down his name & address.

On returning to Ottawa I developed the photos and all were clear. I mailed him his picture, the negative and the address he gave me. Three weeks later the envelope was returned "No Such Person Known Here". I found it hard to believe that such a gentleman would give me a fake address!

The snaps were placed in my album but for some un-known reason I just slid the returned envelope in the same album page thinking "Why should I place the snap of a man who gives me a fake address in my album?"

In 1983 having completed this Temple of Light I was about to leave for Canada to work from the smaller Temple in Stittsville, Ontario for 6 months. I sought in desperation to get a sign upon which I could paint dog-faces that would scare away thieves during my absence. 10 days to go and I was still stuck for a proper round plate or wood. On the 7th day before my flight I said "Sai Baba you alone can get this sign done" and that afternoon looking over the high wall I saw a man below me with a small boy of about 7 years. The boy was rolling a large Pepsi-Cola steel ceramic sign up the steep incline - a very heavy disc for a little boy while the "father" walked alongside. The father looked at me and I having no idea as to what they were up to went into the Temple. The next morning I found the Pepsi-Cola sign right in front of the side entrance gate where I wanted the dog-sign. I lifted it up and found 3 ready drilled holes on a welded bracket that fitted the bars in my gate perfectly. The sign was up and painted and ready two days before my flight!

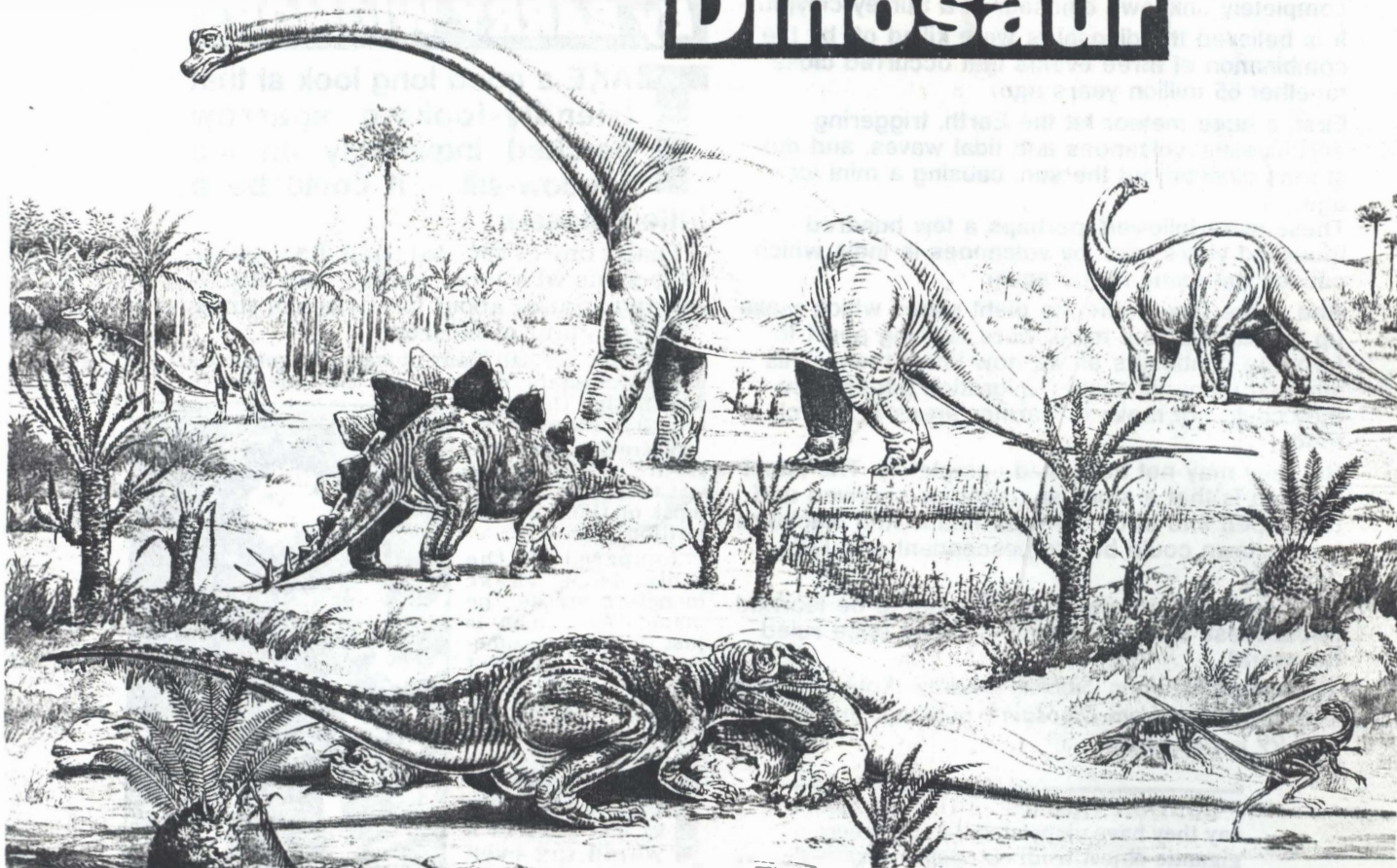
It was only after another 6 months that I realized a similarity in the face of the man at "Tor" hill and the man with the small boy who brought the Pepsi Sign to my gate. I went to my photo album as I wanted to have a newspaper with both photographs and the dog-sign story for my readership but the envelope containing the snap, negative & address of the "Tor" man had vanished. I searched this place and even went thru every snap on another trip to Canada but no luck! This always bothered me - so I asked Sai Baba one day "Please let that photo show up". Three years later while typing here I opened the left hand drawer of my desk and there was the envelope on top of the plans of this Temple. I took a look at the "Tor" man and replaced all carefully in the same drawer saying "Now I know where it is and it will stay there until I am ready for the newsletter". Yet when ready I looked for it and it had disappeared again. It looks like the "Tor" man does not want publicity!

I am not a devotee of Sai Baba as I disagree with many of his policies and I stay clear of his devotees - yet He gives me Vibuthi from his picture in my bedroom (not a holy place by any means) as well as a diamond growing in another smaller picture of Sai Baba in the main Temple. So was the "Tor" man Sai Baba? He might well be because of His Presence here and now another treat - One has come here - a Being who has changed the course of my newsletters overnight! He is from the early 1600's with a modern slightly bearded Gentleman and three Indonesian street urchins and a 1960's Station Wagon. So do time and space and events all exist in the NOW MOMENT! They certainly do!

Hugh de Cruz

Hai

Dinosaur



TWO hundred and thirty million years ago, the most successful land animals ever to walk the Earth took their first stumbling steps.

They were dinosaurs – the word means Terrible Lizard – and they dominated the world for more than 160 million years. By comparison, modern man has been around for just 100,000 years.

Dinosaurs came along when the Earth was already 4,320 million years old, about 2,700 million years after the first green scum that was the beginning of life floated in the seas.

They were all sizes – some smaller than chickens, the largest as big as four double-decker buses parked end to end. Some ate plants, while others fed on other creatures.

They seem to have evolved from a group of crocodile-like animals, although they were not crocodiles.

The secret of their remarkable survival was the way they walked and ran. Crocodiles walk in an awkward fashion with their legs, which developed from fish fins, sticking stiffly out sideways. That is probably why they have remained largely in water, where they are more at home.

But over about 25 million years, dinosaurs developed sophisticated hip-joints – similar to ours – which brought their legs under the body. That meant they could walk and run farther and faster than other animals without becoming exhausted. Eventually many dinosaurs got up on their hind legs – like us – leaving their hands free.

Dinosaurs were land animals. They did not swim and they did not fly. Pterodactyls, which are really flying lizards, were their cousins.

Then suddenly, 65 million years ago, they all vanished. Or did they?

Man has been fascinated by dinosaurs since they were first identified as a definite species. That was in the 1820s, after the wife of a Sussex GP, Dr Gideon Mantell, spotted some shiny stones among a roadmender's pile as she waited for her husband while he visited a patient.

The doctor, an amateur naturalist, recognised them as the teeth of a huge lizard-like animal.

A few years later he found more bones while exploring a quarry and made a model of what he thought this jointed reptile might look like. It was remarkably like the very accurate reconstructions at the Natural History Museum in London.

In 1841, Sir Richard Owen, a leading palaeontologist, or expert on fossils, studied three different jointed reptiles which had by then been found. He realised they were different from anything else previously discovered and named them Dinosauria.

Since then, dinosaur research has been a fascinating detective story. We now believe there were both warm- and cold-blooded varieties. Some were loners, others hunted in packs, while at least one species had highly-developed family groups after their babies were born from eggs in nests.

Our knowledge has leapt forward in the past five years after important finds in previously inaccessible areas like Western China, the Gobi Desert and Mongolia.

Britain is no longer such a good hunting-ground because the ancient rocks in which fossils are found are mostly built over, although in 1983 there was the exciting find of a giant claw of a

completely unknown dinosaur in a Surrey claypit. It is believed the dinosaurs were killed off by the combination of three events that occurred close together 65 million years ago.

First, a huge meteor hit the Earth, triggering earthquakes, volcanoes and tidal waves, and dust storms blocked out the sun, causing a mini ice-age.

These were followed, perhaps a few hundred thousand years later, by volcanoes in India which caused the same havoc again.

And at the same time the giant plates which make up the Earth's land mass were slipping apart to form the continents as we now know them. This stopped many dinosaurs' migration patterns so they could not move to warmer areas in search of food.

But they may not have died completely. The latest thinking is that a small sub-species survived and developed into birds - which means that blackbird on the lawn could be the descendant of a little dinosaur.

So there's still an enormous amount to be learned about these strange creatures which once ruled the world.

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LONDON (Reuter) - U.S. scientists say they have pinpointed the spot where a gigantic object from outer space crashed to Earth 65 million years ago, probably ending the age of the dinosaur.

David Kring and William Boynton of the University of Arizona outlined their findings in a letter to the scientific journal *Nature*, published yesterday.

They named the site as Chicxulub, a buried crater 180 km (115 miles) wide on the Yucatan peninsula in Mexico.

Nature says their study lends further support to a Mexican location for the impact of an extraterrestrial object, possibly a comet, that ended the Cretaceous period, which spanned 71 million years in the Earth's history.

Kring and Boynton studied a layer of once-molten rock 380 metres (1,250 feet) thick near the bottom of a hole bored into the structure of Chicxulub. The hole is a kilometre deep.

They say the makeup of the rock demonstrates that it could not have arisen from some volcanic process and must be the result of an impact.

They also say the rock is related to deposits of glassy fragments found on Haiti that scientists have associated with an impact at the end of the Cretaceous period.

The fragments were probably produced by the same impact, and the molten rock was likely produced precisely at the end of the Cretaceous period when the Haiti fragments were deposited, Kring and Boynton wrote.

THE TORONTO SUN, Thurs. July 9th. 1992

By BARRY WIGMORE

TAKE a good long look at that friendly-looking sparrow perched inquiringly on the window-sill - it could be a little dinosaur.

That's one of the startling discoveries by huffins who have spent years studying and arguing about the lives and times of these giant creatures.

But there are still many unanswered questions about dinosaurs. However did they succeed in dominating the earth for 160 million years?

Where did they come from... and what catastrophe wiped most of them out, 60 million years ago?

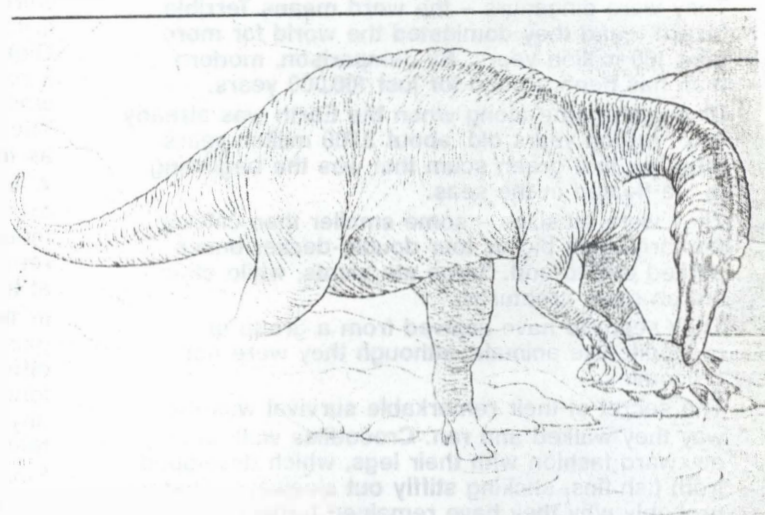
Compared to the time that these monsters strode the planet, puny man is just a Johnny-come-lately. But that hasn't stopped him from trying to unravel the truth about his huge predecessors.



CLUE: The humble sparrow

IT'S a challenging detective trail which would tax even Inspector Morse!

But new finds keep throwing fresh light on the most successful animals ever to walk on land.



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BLACK CATS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 15

An eerie black creature has been reported in Lydford. The creature is said to be about 4 or 5 feet long, built like a greyhound but with the back legs and faces of a colt.

Its eyes reflect no light.

The creature was seen about 3 am one morning by farmer Mr. Maurice Knowles on his land at Inglebrake, near Lydford.

He spotted it as he went out to look after one of his ewes, which was about to lamb. It was snuffling its way alongside a hedge, looking, he thought, for a dead lamb.

Mr. Knowles had the creature in the light of his powerful lamp for ten minutes, and tracked as it made its way beside the hedge.

Before he frightened it off by shouting at it, he was able to see its head, which resembled a colt's face.

"The funny thing was," he told the TIMES, "when I shone my torch in its face, its eyes didn't shine at all.

"I've heard that stags' and hinds' eyes don't shine back, but I haven't seen other animals like that."

He think the animal may have been blind.

The BBC say they were not filming the HOUND OF THE BASKERVILLES that night, and the creature was too small to be the -probably mythical-Dartmoor puma.

But there are many stories about giant and gentle black dogs in Devon.

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FINAL WORD FROM HUGH DE CRUZ, SPAIN

Letter to CN:

Dear Edward in God's Light,
A million thanks for your wonderful Cosmology News. It's the finest of similar format sheets I receive. One comes from New Zealand but there is just too much of that "Big Head" with "Pigeon egg Heart" stuff. Are you receiving their material?

Thanks for reprinting my newsletter in good part. The next issue due in January 1994 (Ed.Now received) will boggle the readers as so few (if any) know of what living in the flesh shall really imply.

Besides my world readership I am now over 5000 separate mailings to higher middle-class people across all the Shires in the UK & Ireland, from the Scilly Isles to the outermost Hebrides Isles. Every Headmaster in every Grammar School across the UK will be receiving two newsletters by January 30th 1994. WHAT A TASK! They are to share with the stuff.

After 1995 you'll see the first signs of the crumbling of The Church of England. They can no longer take the New Thought-Form Build Up any longer.

The article by Julie Fuller has prompted me to send you my personal experience on a Strange Gentleman I met on the Tor Hill slope (near the so called "holy" thorn tree.

Hugh Emil de Cruz, Templo de la Luz-7, Santa Brigida 35300, Gran Canaria, SPAIN.

THE ARTICLE BY JULIE FULLER WAS SEEN IN ISSUE 48, page 10 and was about the Mystery of the Grey Lady, in the old Castle ruins of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, England.

The article referred to here by Hugh can be seen on page 20, and has been reproduced just as Hugh sent it in. HUGH De Cruz, September 30th. 1993.

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